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**CQ DX de K3SUE**

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## Sunday Morning Net Schedules

- **2 Meter/ 70cm Net**.....at 09:30et on W3QV repeater
- **10-on-10 Net** .....at 10:00et 28.393 MHz USB (±QRM)
- **75 meter Net** .....at 10:20et 3.993 MHz LSB

**The club meets** at 7:30 PM on the **second non-holiday Wednesday** of every month except July and August at

**The Masonic Village at Lafayette Hill**

**801 Ridge Pike**

**Lafayette Hill, PA 19444-1799**

**All visitors are welcome!**

## License Examinations

are held on the **first non-holiday Thursday** each month (except July and August) at

**Northeast High School,**

**Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia PA**

Registration begins at 6:00 P.M. Enter through the SPARC wing. Exams begin and doors closed and locked at **6:30 P.M.**

**Sharp!** Applicants should call Dusty ND3Q at 215-879-0505 (day) or 215 482 0386 (eve) for the latest information.

## Club Stations

**W3QV Club Repeater - Trustee: W3BBB**

Ridge & Port Royal Avenues, Philadelphia, PA

**147.03 MHz + PL 91.5 Hz ⇄ 444.80 MHz + PL 186.2 Hz**

Reach us on Echolink through WU3I-L

**W3AA at Northeast High School -Trustee: WU3I**

Cottman and Algon Streets, Philadelphia, PA

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Archives: NG3P

Audit: NS3K

Awards: open

Blurb folding:

WB3KOJ & WB3KOH

Directory:WB3KOJ

DX: N3MT

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Net Control: KB3IV

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Program: Club VP

Public Service: KE3QB

Refreshments: W3AOK

Repeater: W3BBB

Skywarn: WX3PHI

Sunshine: N3GLU

Youth: N3MT

TVI: W3VVS

VE Program: ND3Q

W3AA Trustee: WU3I

Welcome: K3CJ.



## No place like home: K3SUE

It seems like every day we hear about somebody closing their home station. Just so you don't think that's going on everywhere, here's a station that's reaching out world-wide and still going strong!

Regular readers of the *Blurb* may remember that in our March issue we ran a photo feature on K3SUE's mobile installations.

In this issue, we're been able to put together some coverage of her home station And what a station it is!



K3SUE: Sue Persing at the operating position of her world-class station



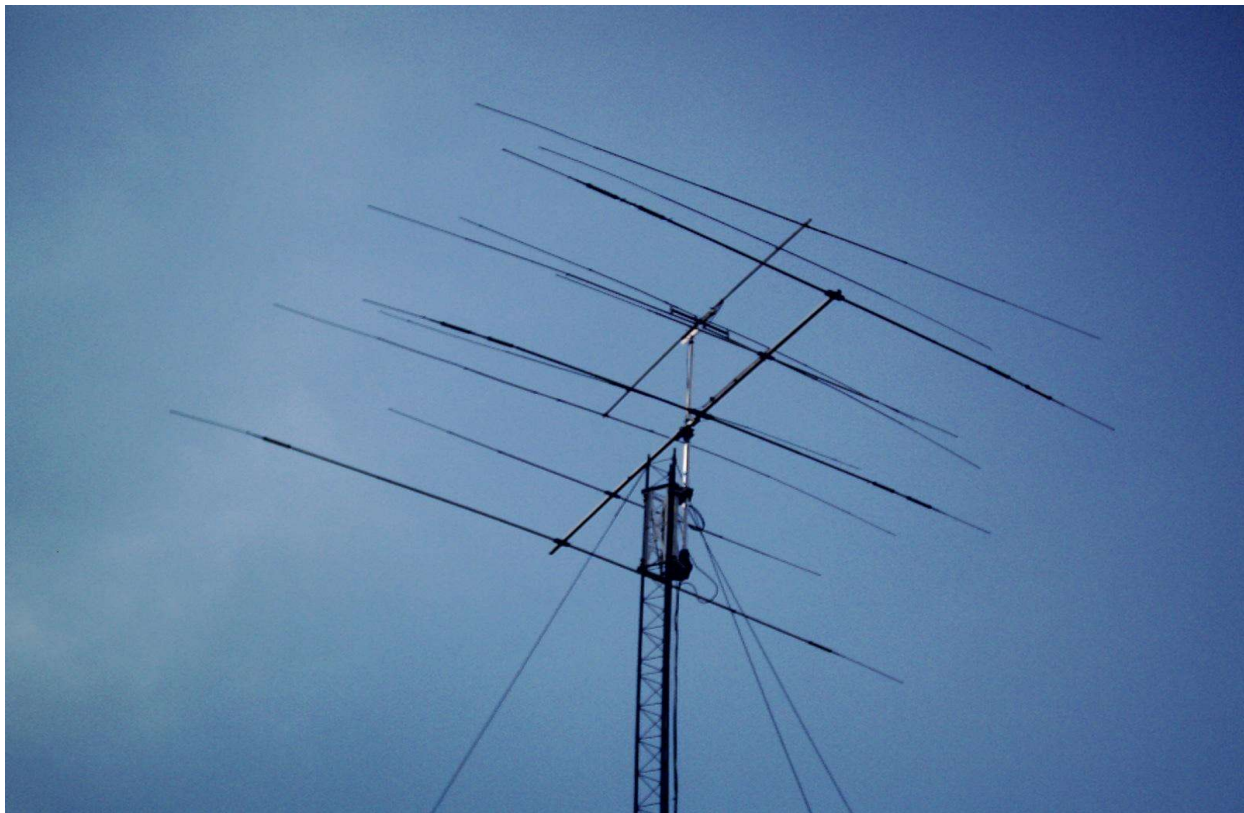
An overall view of K3SUE



*Some of the K3SUE antenna farm.  
Visible are the 50 foot crank-up tower  
and part of the multiband  
(80/40/15m) wire dipole*



*From top to bottom:  
70cm Yagi, 2m quad,  
6m quad, all homebrew*



*At the top of the big tower: A homebrew beam for 12 and 17m, with a Hygain  
TH5DX for 10/15/20m underneath. A Hazer Transit System simplifies maintaining  
equipment on the tower.*





*The main HF rig: A Yaesu FT-1000MP Mark V (field model)*



*The right-hand equipment stack: A Yaesu FT-847, with RigBlaster PC audio interface, antenna switching system, Autew WM1 RF wattmeter, and the Ameritron AL-82 amplifier*



*Sue has 318 confirmed DXCC countries, and is awaiting confirmation from #319.*



*QSLs from three contacts with hams aboard the International Space Station*



*Some of the prized QSLs on the "brag wall", including the extremely rare P5/4L4FN in North Korea*



*Susan holds Worked All States and the CQ Magazine Worked All Zone awards*



## **CQ PMRC de Carmen KE3QB**

Hello all Phil-Mont Members:  
I want to tell you all about an idea that had arisen on the October General Meeting.

Our dedicated Club President, Al, W3STW is concerned about our role in today's Amateur Radio society and also our slightly declining membership total... How can we increase our membership and at what cost and what ideas can be brought to the table to accomplish this task?

I know as well as all of you that the majority of our club members have been here for many years and have done their part in public service, special events and any emergencies that have come up. Some still come out and help despite their age or limitations or physical disabilities.

To those that I speak of, thank you for all you have done because it is you who have changed and set the guidelines for what Amateur Radio is today. Now, you might be thinking while reading this, "What is this idea that you are trying to share with all?"

Between now and next year, in

order to promote Amateur Radio within our club, we will attempt to set up a live working Amateur Radio Station in a public location such as one of our local area Shopping Malls.

The station will comprise of a wire antenna or maybe a ground mount vertical antenna on the outside of the building running into either a modern day amateur radio or even one of the older models which in turn will demonstrate the many advances in Amateur Radio technology. We will have a table or two, one with pamphlets, copies of QST and handouts describing Ham radio, maybe a VE could explain the steps to take a Ham license test and what to study.

We could have a table setup for people and children of all ages to stop and send a message to a loved one in their family or to a friend living somewhere else in the United States. This can be done by one of our message handlers and the National Traffic System. The children and folks of all ages can sit down and make a radio contact or two via the phone portion of the bands or a demonstration of PSK 31 or

CW can be arranged.

Maybe, we could have a PMRC sign hanging somewhere or have a club meeting consisting of interesting Banners designed by members with clever Amateur Radio phrases that we could use at this special public service event. Some videos might be available through the ARRL that we could borrow and play on a TV/VCR. A good one, of course is the "Amateur Radio today" with Walter Cronkite.

Needless to say, we need members to man this station and make it enticing enough for people to "Stop, Look and Listen". Other members of our club will be checking into the requirements and what needs to be done to pull this off. Next year's holiday season will be considered as the proposed time frame for this 1 day event. It maybe on a Saturday or Sunday but right now it's too early for that kind of determination. Any members wanting to be involved with this potential opportunity of what could be a breath of fresh air to PMRC as a whole please contact me or Al with your input or additional ideas. Thank you to all...73 de Carmen, KE3QB

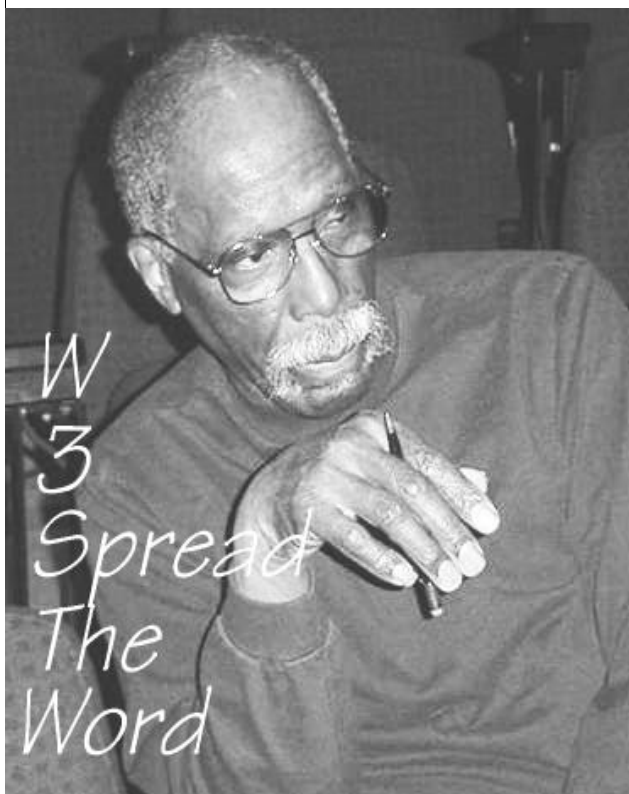


photo: WA3KIO

## Spread The Word

--de Al W3STW, PMRC President

Greetings, I was thinking about how amateur radio was, and no doubt is still being used today, to ease the communication problems caused by hurricanes Katrina and Ruth. I have missed reading about it in the newspapers and I didn't see any local TV broadcasts documenting amateur radio help.

However, after reading my November '05 QST magazine, I was indeed educated. There were several articles telling me about the participation of amateur radio. If you, like me, were wondering about amateur radio's involvement in these two catastrophes, get a copy of the 11/'05 QST.

Also, I hope you have seen the notice about K3HWE's, Larry, SATERN Net, get on the 'oh three machine' and ask about it. Hopefully the date and time of the net will be listed in the Blurb. Time to participate in the P.M.R.C., nomination of Officers and Directors is getting short. The Club is in great shape but we need your involvement to keep it that way, you all know the drill. I would like to propose we form a small 'programs' committee of at least four of you from the membership. We would communicate via Email between general meetings and briefly before



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#### VE Exam Session Statistics

for October 6, 2005

Six candidates took eight elements, and we had two upgrades and three new amateurs. The VE team was chaired by Dusty Rhoads

**ND3Q**, and the other participating VEs were :

Jim McCloskey NS3K

Bob Freer W3YLT

John Coupe WA3BXH

Gene DiNardi N3XKE

**Upcoming Exam Sessions:**  
November 3, 2005, December 1,  
2005

(See page 2 for details)

the start of the general meeting, say as we're participating in the face feeding activity, regarding what will be presented at the next meeting and any needed money to make it happen. You know the drill here too, have interesting programs and the members will come out. I have found that feeding you hot sandwiches, all kinds of cookies, soda and even an occasional wine sip isn't enough to get a lot of you to come out, the answer must be 'programs'. I'll be reading my Email and listening on the 'oh three' machine for your response, Spread The Word, 73.



## October 2005 Board Meeting

The Board of the Directors for the Phil-Mont Mobile Radio Club held a meeting at the WDRV radio station in Hatboro, PA, on October 5th, 2005. Al W3STW presiding called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. with the following attending and voting: Gene N3XKE, Maggie K3XS, Dick W3RM, Ed KB3IV, Steve WU3I, and Eric N3QV.

W3RM reported on treasury, treasury is in good shape. A statement written by W3BBB was read to the board naming repeater committee members.

Maggie K3XS reported on the status of the Blurb, all is going well.

Ed KB3IV reported on the status of the nets stating that they are going well.

N3QV reported on youth member status. Eric has been in contact with one of the club's youth members. He also reported that new ideas are being conjured to bring about a heightened youth interest in amateur radio.

Al W3STW reported on W3AA stating that there are new programs and presences at the High School including the Civil Air Patrol that may help influence the presence of amateur radio at Northeast High School.

There being no further business, upon motion, the meeting adjourned at 8:50 P.M.



### Membership Stats At press time P.M.R.C. has:

- 97 Full paid members
- 9 Family members
- 1 Youth member (under 17)
- 1 Honorary members

## November Birthdays

01 Pauline Green (XYL K3HES)  
 03 Louis Ruh - WX3I  
 05 Delores Malone (XYL N3MGS)  
     Al Tribble - W3STW  
 12 Arnold Sadwin - KC2HX  
 14 Bill Nicholson W3KOC\*  
 19 Candy Mills (XYL N3UP)  
     Brad Swanson - N3GLH  
 20 Bob Gargano - N3YGY  
 22 Bill Popovic - W3AOK  
 23 Chap Fichera - KB3DQH  
     Ted Hassell - KB3HAQ  
 24 Delores Policarpo (XYL N3PP)  
 27 Mel Toren - N2MT  
 28 Elfriede Williams (XYL KB3CPC)  
 29 Bob Nicotero - KB2ERL  
     Betty Walmsley (XYL W3DO)  
 \*NEW MEMBER 2005

Please note that in March 2003, the Board of Directors voted to bestow the status of HONORARY MEMBER upon

**ROLLIE MADARA (W3PWG)**

Due to an error in communications, this honor was never recognized in either this column or in the Club Directory. Apologies and belated congratulations to Rollie.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric D. Marano, N3QV  
Secretary



Date	November 2005 with PMRC
Tue 01	
Wed 02	PMRC Board Meeting at WRDV
Thu 03	VE testing at Northeast High, see page 2
Fri 04	
Sat 05	
Sun 06	NCS: 2m: K3XS HF: N3QV
Mon 07	
Tue 08	
Wed 09	PMRC General Meeting at Masonic Village, see page 2
Thu 10	Marine Corps Day
Fri 11	Veteran's Day
Sat 12	
Sun 13	NCS: 2m: WU3I HF: KB3IV
Mon 14	
Tue 15	
Wed 16	
Thu 17	
Fri 18	
Sat 19	
Sun 20	NCS: 2m: WB3KOJ HF: W3STW
Mon 21	
Tue 22	
Wed 23	
Thu 24	Thanksgiving
Fri 25	
Sat 26	
Sun 27	NCS: W3BBB
Mon 28	
Tue 29	
Wed 30	

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